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Hon. Linzie F. Bogan Administrative Law Judge Division of Administrative Hearings The DeSoto Building 1230 Apalachee Parkway Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060

RE: J. GLENN WRIGHT TRUST v. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DOT CASE NO. 19-034

Dear Ms. Bogan:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Order filed March 26, 2020, in the above-styled case.

Sincerely,

Amber K. Greene

Clerk of Agency Proceedings

Enclosure

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Haydon Burns Building 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, Florida

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DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

J. GLENN WRIGHT TRUST,

Petitioner,

v.

DOT CASE NO.: 19-034

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

The Department issued a Notice of Intent to Modify Driveway Connection (Notice) to J. Glenn Wright Trust (Wright) on May 7, 2019. The Notice proposed to remove an existing divided driveway connection between the S.R. 60 exit ramp and Wright's property, and to modify Wright's existing driveway access connection to U. S. 27 South, as part of the redesign and reconstruction of the interchange at S.R. 60 (S.R. 60/U.S. Highway 27) (U.S. 27).

Subsequently, the Department issued an Amended Notice on September 23, 2019, which advised of a planned connection to Wright's property from the newly proposed S.R. 60 frontage road, a right-turn-in-only driveway connection to Wright's property from U. S. 27 South, and minor improvements to the U. S. 27/Oak Avenue intersection. Wright objected to the proposals and timely requested a hearing. This case was referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings, and a hearing was conducted before the assigned Administrative Law Judge, Linzie F. Bogan, on December 4, 2019. The ALJ entered a Recommended Order on February 13, 2020, which recommended that the Department enter a final order finding that the proposed modifications to

the driveway connections of the Wright property provide the public with reasonable access to or from the State Highway System, and denying the challenge of Wright to the Amended Notice issued on September 23, 2019. A copy of the Recommended Order is attached.

Findings of Fact

The Findings of Fact set forth in paragraphs 1-14 of the Recommended Order are supported by competent, substantial evidence and the Department adopts the Findings of Fact set forth in paragraphs 1-14 of the Recommended Order and incorporates them by reference. Where paragraphs 1-14 contain findings of ultimate fact that are matters of opinion infused by policy considerations for which the Department has special responsibility, the Department declines to reverse or modify paragraphs 1-14.

Conclusions of Law

The Conclusions of Law set forth in paragraphs 15-28 of the Recommended Order are supported by law and the Department adopts the Conclusions of Law set forth in paragraphs 15-28 of the Recommended Order and incorporates them by reference. Where paragraphs 15-28 contain findings of ultimate fact that are matters of opinion infused by policy considerations for which the Department has special responsibility, the Department declines to reverse or modify paragraphs 15-28.

Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Department approves the proposed modifications to the driveway connections of the Wright property, and finds the modifications will provide the public with reasonable access to or from the State

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Highway System, as part of the Department's redesign and reconstruction of the interchange at S.R. 60 and U.S. Highway 27.

DONE and ORDERED this 26 day of March, 2020.

Secretary

Department of Transportation Haydon Burns Building 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION AND MAY BE APPEALED PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND RULES 9.110 AND 9.190, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, BY FILING A NOTICE OF APPEAL CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 9.110(d), FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, BOTH WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE, AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CLERK OF AGENCY PROCEEDINGS, HAYDON BURNS BUILDING, 605 SUWANNEE STREET, MS 58, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0458, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

I, Kevin J. Thibault, P.E., Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, delegate to Tom Byron, P.E as the Assistant Secretary for Strategic Development and Courtney Drummond, P.E. as the Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Operations, and Stacy Miller, P.E., as the Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration, the authority and responsibility to take action on my behalf at anytime during my absence from the Department headquarters in Tallahassee. I also rescind any prior delegations to the contrary.

Kevin J. Thibault, P.E., Secretary Florida Department of Transportation

4/24/2019 Date